

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Kirk Wagoner, on January 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 71, 1/3/2017; HB 84, 1/3/2017; HB 105, 1/3/2017

HEARING ON HB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:23 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 105, Allow Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to join multistate license compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:30 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(huh06a01\)](#)

00:14:17 Melissa Shannon, Montana Physical Therapy Association (MAPTA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh06a02\)](#)

00:14:52 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:02 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers

Informational Testimony: none

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:51 Rep. Pierson

00:18:26 Judy Bovington, DLI

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00:19:02 Judy Bovington, DLI

00:19:08 Rep. Mandeville

00:19:35 Rep. Garner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:27 Rep. Garner

00:23:05 Chair Wagoner

00:25:26 Recess

00:34:21 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:04 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 71, Require certain licensed health professionals be trained in suicide prevention.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:43 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association Marriage and Family Therapists (MAAMFT)

00:59:13 Rep Kelker joined meeting

00:59:24 Kathy Bramer, AARP Montana Capitol Advocates

[EXHIBIT\(huh06a03\)](#)

01:01:52 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

01:04:43 John Wilkinson, Montana Chapter of National Association of Social Workers and the Montana Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:42 Rep. Dunwell
01:08:25 Rep. McKamey
01:09:20 Rep. Sales
01:09:39 Rep. McKamey
01:09:49 Rep. Regier
01:10:12 Rep. McKamey
01:10:24 Rep. Regier
01:10:39 Rep. McKamey
01:10:48 Chair Wagoner
01:11:01 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:59 Rep. McKamey

HEARING ON HB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:43 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 84, Allow for biennial county matching grants for mental health crisis intervention.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:40 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:40:49 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
00:43:19 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana
00:44:40 Jim Novelli, Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center
00:46:16 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
00:48:34 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: none

Informational Testimony: none

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:05 Chair Wagoner
00:50:52 Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:16 Rep. Karjala

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:13:39

Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh06aad.pdf](#))